

**OPINION**  
**56-38**

January 12, 1956            (OPINION)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RE:    Sending County Agent to School

This office acknowledges receipt of your letter of January 9, 1956, asking whether it would be legal for the board of county commissioners to pay part of the expense of the county agent attending a refresher course at the Agricultural College of Colorado.

You state that the North Dakota Extension Division of the Agricultural College has designated your county agent as one of those who would be entitled to attend such a course and that they pay one half of the expense and that the other half is to be paid by the county or by the county agent. Section 4-0808 dealing with the expenditure of funds for the county agent specifically provides that funds shall be expended by and under the direction and control of the county commissioners in such manner as it may deem best adapted to accomplish the purpose set forth in this chapter.

It is, therefore, our opinion that if the board of county commissioners deem it beneficial to the county to have its county agent take such refresher course and will pass a resolution to that effect and authorize him to attend such course, that there is nothing in the law that would prohibit the county from expending funds if such would be in conformity with the best work of the said county agent.

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